

Abstract of the Disclosure:

The gathering stapler has a number of individual subassemblies, including a stapling carriage, a collecting chain, a stapling-displacement configuration, a delivery, and an ejector. Each of these subassemblies has a dedicated drive. Controllable motors are provided as the power sources. It is thus possible to synchronize the movements of the respective subassemblies and to alter the speeds of the movement during a machine cycle. In particular, synchronization of the movement of the simultaneous operation of the stapling carriage, of the stapling-displacement configuration and of the collecting chain is carried out such that for individually adjacent cycles, at different points in time, the product and stapling carriage have adapted speed profiles. As a result, it is possible to carry out a stapling operation at different positions on the product.